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THAT NEW JERSEY "DEFEAT."

THE result of the congressional election in the seventh New Jersey district appears to have been a reversal for President Wilson to the precise extent that failure of the local Democrat candidate and his backers to keep the Progressives and Republicans apart may indicate a Democrat failure. All the personal appeal of the candidate and all the support given him by the president in a public letter of commendation and by authorized oratory from Senators James and Lewis did not avail to argue a large number of Progressives out of voting the Republican ticket. Some political diagnosticians may regard this as proof of Democrat weakness; others will not.

This seventh New Jersey district is normally Republican, by an overwhelming vote. In the Republican-Progressive split at 1912 a Democrat congressman, Representative Brenner, whose ill health created a great deal of sympathy, slid through. When Brenner was elected the Progressives polled 4,476 votes. In the election on the 7th they polled 619. What Progressive party strength may have gone to the Democrats, as an eastern commentator of wondrously judicious temper observes, was easily offset by Democrat defections to an unusually strong socialist candidate. Whether this detail is exact or not, the obvious showing is that the New York World remarks, is that Republicans and Progressives saw a chance to make a killing by getting together, and they got together.

In a Boston district, nominally Democrat, it will have been noted, the Democrats held their own and returned a Democrat congressman. Neither result seems to have had a legitimate national application for the enlightenment of those seeking light as to the trend of opinion in the matter of the tariff, canal tolls and other large questions. The issues were the same in both districts.

A GUESS ABOUT TODAY.

IN HIS "History of England," reviewing the tendency to deify the present and idealize the past, Macaulay makes this interesting suggestion:

"It may well be, in the twentieth century that the peasant of Dorsetshire may think himself miserably paid with twenty shillings a week, that the carpenter at Greenwich may receive ten shillings a day, that laboring men may be as little used to dine without meat as they now are to eat dry bread, that sanitary police and medical discoveries may have added several more years to the average length of human life; that numerous comforts and luxuries, which are now unknown or confined to a few, may be within the reach of every diligent and thrifty workman. And yet it may then be the mode to assert that the increase of wealth and the progress of science have benefited the few at the expense of the many and to talk of the reign of Queen Victoria as the time when England was truly Merry England, when all classes were bound together by brotherly sympathy, when the rich did not grind the faces of the poor and when the poor did not envy the splendor of the rich."

Whoever reads history comes to realize how much time and distance do for the past, and how unchanged amid all social and industrial changes is human nature itself. "Man never is, but always to be blest."

JAMES GORDON BENNETT.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT, who was reported to be seriously ill at Buenos Aires, is now on his way back to New York, is a unique figure in the business world in that he "effected" much of his time upon a steam yacht, yet directed the affairs of a great New York newspaper with a sure hand and keeps in intimate touch with the details of a vast enterprise whose functions include making the globe with a fine-tooth comb for news.

As a rule a yachtsman is either one of the idle rich or one of the rich idling. Mr. Bennett is neither. When he arrives in New York or Paris—scoops down would be the expression from the point of view of the envious who has not been earnest in his en-

deavors during the absence of his chief—a "shake-up" is likely to occur if the conditions are such that it is warranted. The conditions are known to Mr. Bennett in advance of his arrival.

Joseph Pulitzer's shadowed eyes did not hide from his mental vision the defects or the good qualities of an employee or prevent him from knowing the New York World through and through every day. James Gordon Bennett's long absence from base did not prevent him from knowing the staff better than it is known by the average employee who is chained to a desk by his duties.

"P. Morgan was fond of Egyptian winters during the last years of his life and spent a good deal of time abroad, but he was practically in retirement insofar as the actual direction of the details of his affairs was concerned. Mr. Bennett steps off of his yacht as ready to deal with the details as if he had merely returned from luncheon.

THE DIVORCE COURT TEST.

MR. AND Mrs. Lewis Mulford Poff, each 24 years old, were married in Los Angeles last week. They have been sweethearts since early school days. They have been considering each other carefully and critically for several years as life companions; and, discarding the cynic test as life, they took, before finally embarking on their journey as life companions, a "preparatory course" in marriage by taking what Mrs. Poff terms the "divorce court test."

In other words they made the rounds of all the divorce courts within their reach, seeking to discover causes of marital mistakes and unhappinesses.

Out of these experiences Mrs. Poff, on her wedding day cheerfully lays down to the several millions of English speaking wives in this country the following ten rules, which she asserts will absolutely insure a happy marriage:

1. Let your husband control the home. When you lose your respect for his ability you are losing your love for him.
2. Be a good cook. If you cannot cook, make it your business to hire a good cook and see that meals are on time.
3. Keep your home attractive and cozy. If you are a musician, play and sing for him in the evening.
4. Study his disposition and act accordingly.
5. Do not blame all the troubles on the man. Many times the woman is to blame. I learned this in court.
6. Learn to trust your husband. Accept his explanation when he has been out late. If you could not trust him, you should not have married him.
7. Do not nag. Most men have plenty of troubles of their own.
8. Take an interest in his business affairs. If he is a lawyer, talk law to him, if he is in politics, talk politics to him.
9. Exercise your right to vote and he will be proud of you.
10. Show him little affectionate attentions. Make love to him. Men like that rather than being expected to make all the advances in the show of affection.

We venture the assertion, unhesitatingly, that Mrs. Poff is right, and that any woman who will keep every one of those ten rules eternally and without fail will have a happy—husband. Mrs. Poff has been married now something like five days. It is, of course, a little too early to ask her opinion of her own rules as applied to everyday life.

AMERICAN PEARL FISHERIES

Of all the valuable articles of adornment perhaps the pearl is the most widely distributed over the earth. It has been prized for its beauty by prince and pauper, by the pampered favorites of modern potentates and by the dusky beauties of prehistoric savage chiefs. It has been an article of great price for ages, and it is as practically useless as perfectly beautiful and as outrageously expensive today as it ever was. Its possession has ever been a mark of wealth.

The Indian rajahs for ages collected the beautiful gems from the famed fisheries of Ceylon, the Ptolemies of Egypt had their divers dress the Red Sea of its precious treasures, while the Macedonian Greeks despoiled the Persian gulf. To get them, fleets have been fitted out and continents exploited, for the fact that pearls were found in the New World by Columbus had much to do with his subsequent development. The glitter of gold and the sheen of the pearl lured on the bold conquerors of Mexico, and nerved the daring of Pizarro's adventurous band to the conquest of Peru.

It was in 1498, when on his third voyage, that Columbus sailed into the Gulf of Paria, enclosed between the northeastern coast of Venezuela and the island of Trinidad, where "the natives came to the ship in countless numbers, many of them wearing pieces of gold on their breasts and some with bracelets of pearls on their arms." These, they told Columbus, had been procured along the coast in their own neighborhood, and that is

SOLOS

by the
Second Fiddle.

WELL, we feared the sucker would back up before we could get a shot at him.

DOUBTLESS HURITA also would like to arbitrate the question with one Villa.

IT WAS A GOOD two to one bet anyway that Hurita and the private coach box would have left Vera Cruz before the warships got there.

REMEMBER, while removing the cobblestone from your eye, that sandstorms are useful in trading the atmosphere of kerms.

IF EVERY TOWN in the Estancia valley is satisfied, Torrance county will have a county high school in every school district.

GAME WARDEN RACA might follow the illustration sketched by the government and imprison the game birds from below the border at Fort Bliss.

"TRAMP CLARK" had best look to his trousers. Coker who likes to drive a mule.

WE always knew the gink was a scoundrel. HENRY CHAVEZ is the only Mexican general we ever knew who wouldn't back up in a pinch.

HAVING STARTED, the average American citizen was hoping that nothing so unfortunate as an abrupt apology from Hurita would occur to stop the proceedings until a thorough job had been done.

SENATOR WORKS says the president is seeking to obtain redress for personal insults in moving on Hurita. The only man who has been more insulted on the American nation than Hurita is Works.

BARTHOLOMEW of Missouri and Hurita of Mexico City were the only two men on earth who favored arbitration of the matter.

AND HURITA does not drink anything but wine.

CONGRESSMAN BARTHOLOMEW says nothing has been done to warrant shedding a drop of American blood. Who said any American blood was going to be shed?

AMERICAN PEACE committee has invited Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria to a dinner on her arrival in New York. Wonder what Vic Hurita would give for a bid.

THE GOVERNMENT should leave the canal toll undisturbed on yellow fever and Asiatic cholera.

THOSE Santa Fe prohibitionists are determined to do what they can to keep the legislature sober.

GOVERNOR CRUCE of Oklahoma seems to object to horse racing.

SHOOTING the ponies, however, is a diversion that is decidedly unsafe, as anyone experienced with point balls can tell the governor.

THERE WILL probably be enough troops left at home to deal with Coker's army.

FEDERAL LEAGUE is entitled to full credit for injecting the injunction into baseball.

MIGHT HE used to stop Ty Cobb from smashing one to the billboards with three on bases.

ELINOR CLYN has written a book entitled "WHY." Which is it asking everybody who has read it is asking.

HUNDRED and eighty loads of refuse from the second ward. Four times \$150 = \$2400. Quite an expensive housecleaning for us taxpayers, on top of the dollar a month we pay the garbage man.

THAT LOS ANGELES Bride with rules to guarantee a happy marriage, will have to enlarge the rule book from year to year.

YES, MABEL, we speak from inside information.

the first we hear of the celebrated "pearl coast," that portion of the Venezuelan waters which, according to a news item in the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan-American Union, has recently been leased to one of the officials by the Venezuelan government for a period of three years. The concession is said to give the exclusive right to fish for pearls off the island of Margarita and in the sea along the northeastern coast of the republic. The lessee is to pay the government \$500 per month during the fishing season, the privilege, and doubtless the enterprise will prove profitable, for here were once located the most celebrated fisheries of American waters.

The principal pearl oyster beds of the region are located around the island of Margarita (Spanish for pearl), at Cubagua, El Tirol, Gulf of Paria (called "El Golfo de las Perlas" by Columbus), Porlamar, Maracaibo and Macaco. These fisheries were very rich when found by the Spaniards, but during the fifty years following their discovery were almost ruined by overfishing. During the past century the fishing has been revived from time to time, and in recent years has again become profitable. The government exercises a rigid supervision over the industry and is making every effort to conserve this source of revenue. During the fishing season more than four hundred sailing vessels and about two thousand men are constantly at work along the pearl coast and among the islands. The annual product of the beds in the vicinity of Margarita alone is estimated to have a value of \$500,000. It is said that in 1579 King Philip of Spain obtained from Margarita a magnificent pearl weighing 250 carats and variously estimated as being worth from \$20,000 to \$100,000. The Venezuelan pearls are of very good color and size, and the fisheries are especially noted for the number of beautiful carapaces (pearls of irregular or protuberant shapes) found. Perhaps the richest pearl fisheries in the Americas at present are those of the Gulf of California, centering around La Paz, and along the outer coast of Lower California in Mexico.

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Wonderful Case of Mrs. Stephenson, on the Pacific Coast.

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Great Trials of History

TRIAL OF HOLMES

THE MOST complicated murder trial of any that has thus far been held in the United States was that of Herman Mudgett, who had adopted the assumed name of H. H. Holmes. The first that was heard of this famous convict was when he was arrested on November 18, 1894 together with Mrs. Carrie Pitezel and Jeremiah H. Dove, for participating in a fraudulent life insurance scheme.

This apprehension was the start of a revelation of illegitimate schemes in which he had figured in many parts of the country. Once an investigation was started cities in many sections of the United States in which Holmes had lived, began looking up his records and tried to fix a number of crimes of various character upon him.

The house which Holmes occupied in Philadelphia was located on Calhoun street, near Broad, where lived the Pitezel family, for the murder of the head of which he was finally convicted and hanged. In the fall of 1894 the two little Pitezel children had disappeared from the Calhoun street house and no satisfactory explanation of their whereabouts was obtainable, until finally their bodies were discovered, buried in a cellar in Toronto, Canada. This was in July, 1895. It was found that the children had been smuggled in a trunk supposed to have belonged to Holmes.

Detectives found that Holmes, with two little girls, registered at a Toronto hotel on October 18, 1894. When this became known Holmes was in prison in Philadelphia, charged with a scheme to defraud an insurance company. The finding of the children's bodies led to a grave charge against him. It was the belief of the police that his object was to do away with the whole Pitezel family, that he had killed the husband and that he was apprehended before he had a chance to kill Mrs. Pitezel. During the middle of July the detectives left no stone unturned that would weave a rope to

and along the entire west coast of the gulf from La Paz to above the islands of Loreto and Tiburon, on the east side. Pearls are also found along the southern coast of Mexico and in Nicaragua, and in the Gulf of Campeche on the eastern coast of Mexico.

The principal fisheries of this section are, however, among the Islas del Rey, or King's islands, now known as the Pearl Islands, lying in the Gulf of Panama about fifty miles from the city of Panama. These consist of Rey Island, Pachera, Pedro Gonzales, San Jose, and a number of smaller islands to the north. Some beds are worked along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Colombia and on the latter coast as far as Ecuador and Peru. The Costa Rica, Panama and Colombia fisheries are famous for their black, green and blue tinted pearls, while many beautiful delicate pink pearls have also been found. With hardly an exception, there are American pearls among the crown jewels of every ruler in Europe.

lected with little trouble. The district attorney of Philadelphia, Geo. S. Graham, made the opening address. He stated that he had full evidence and would be able to prove that Pitezel had been murdered in his home at 1314 Calhoun street, on September 2, 1894.

On the first day of the trial, Holmes, in a spectacular way, discharged the lawyers who were to defend him, and started to defend himself, but on the following day expressed a willingness to have them return, as he believed the case was too complicated for him to carry it alone.

Among the first witnesses called was the daughter of the murdered man, Miss Emma Pitezel. She was followed by Eugene Smith, who had found the body of the murdered man. On the second day of the trial Mrs. Pitezel, who had been summoned from Chicago, took the stand. She was the most interesting of all the witnesses at the trial, not only on account of her laying bare the life of Holmes, but that through his villainy she had been deprived of her husband and three children.

The trial lasted until November 3, when a verdict of guilty was brought in by the jury. Holmes was sentenced to death on December 1, and the death warrant was signed March 6 of the following year, and on May 8 the murderer was hanged at Moyamensing prison.

Watching Straws of Fashion.

That there are to be radical changes in women's dress in the conclusion which one draws from the various straws scattered about by what has been termed the "wind of emancipation." Paul Poirer, who was recently a visitor in Boston, is quoted as saying:

"Fashion which is made by woman

is naturally very sensitive. It is a barometer which responds to every influence. I need only remind you of the recent rage for Bulgarian embroidery, and before that of the far eastern influence in very wide sleeves with Chinese embroidery. Now if you ask me what is the transcendent influence today I reply that in my opinion it is the wind of emancipation blowing over woman, driving her always toward more masculine forms. It is my impression that the tendency will be more and more in the direction of what is plain and severe, and that clothes will become more and more rational with a view to the practical. In a word, woman's dress will become more and more manlike and independent."

Whatever the future may bring forth in dress, there are few indications which the casual observer may detect of "plain and severe" styles for women. The numerous draperies, the billows of lace, flounces and embroideries all speak of femininity, but for the future styles we can only wonder and wait.

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